

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS  
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission  
**Date of Meeting:** October 6, 2003  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd. Conference Room

**I. Call to Order** Chairperson Munzel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**II. Flag Salute** The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

**III. Roll** Commissioners Present: Gill, Krommenhock, MacKenzie, McGuire, Mohsin, Munzel, Tuason, Alternate Leonard and Alternate Ku

City Staff Present: Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager; Carol Randisi, Senior Supervisor; Jennifer Tagalog, Recording Secretary;

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Polanski

Guests: Buddy Cardell, Red Devils Baseball

**IV. Alternates** Alternates were not seated.

**V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda for October 6, 2003, meeting as submitted.  
M/S: Gill, McGuire  
Ayes: (8) Gill, Krommenhock, Ku, Mathur, MacKenzie, McGuire, Munzel, Tuason

**VI. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes for September 8, 2003, meeting as submitted.  
M/S: Mohsin, Tuason  
All Ayes

**VII. Citizen's Forum** None.

**VIII. Announcements/Correspondence**

Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager, announced the following:

- Arts Day was held on Saturday, October 4, 2003, with over 450 in attendance.
- City Hall 1 year anniversary celebration will be held on October 14, 2003.
- Rainbow Theatre will perform Charlotte's Web, October 17 – 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Dog Park Grand Opening was a huge success with over 200 dogs registered at the event. She thanked the Commission and Elizabeth Racca-Johnson, Assistant Civil Engineer, for their continued support and work on the Dog Park.

Commissioner McGuire explained that he has discussed the status of the Alviso Adobe with Tom Wilson, City Manager and requested a sub-committee be created to work on a variety of issues (the limited access to Alviso Adobe since Church owns property, etc.). He volunteered to assist with such a sub-committee if created.

Chairperson Munzel created a sub-committee for Alviso Adobe. The following Commissioners volunteered to assist with the sub-committee: Munzel, McGuire, Gill and Mohsin.

Commissioner Tuason reported he has heard several positive comments from Seniors about the benches that were installed at Gill Park.

Elizabeth Rocca-Johnson, Assistant Civil Engineer and Julie Cherry, Milpitas Alliance for the Arts (MAA) requested if the Commission could agendaize, "Approval of Art In Your Park Location at Hillcrest Park," due to urgency in moving forward with this project. The artist is scheduled to work on tiles with residents on October 11, 2003. Julie Cherry, (MAA) provided an overview of the Art in Your Park Artwork and proposed schedule. She explained that a sample of the artwork was placed at Hillcrest Park and a subsequent meeting was scheduled for residents to provide feedback. After seeing the proposed location, the majority of those in attendance felt it was too crowded in that area. As a result, the "replica" was then moved and the residents are in agreement on the proposed location. Staff also recommends the 2<sup>nd</sup> proposed location of the artwork.

MOTION to amend October 6, 2003, agenda and add, "Approval of Art In Your Park Location at Hillcrest Park," as item #4 New Business.

M/S: McGuire, Mohsin

Ayes: (7) Gill, Krommenhock, Ku, Mathur, McGuire, Munzel, and Tuason  
Nayes (1) MacKenzie

Rob Means gave a detailed presentation on the PRT System outlining the pros of this type of shuttle transportation, the cost, how PRT works, and how Milpitas could benefit from the use of PRT.

He indicated the following were options the City of Milpitas could use for the PRT System:

- Ferry Service over Railroad Tracks to connect Yosemite Drive and Curtis Avenue.
- Connect Great Mall entertainment area with LRT station.
- Link Main Street and Midtown area with the LRT and City Hall.
- City-wide service which could connect most residential areas with most popular destinations.
- Impact regional transportation by linking Fremont BART station to LRT.

Commissioner Gill asked if any other cities had installed the PRT System. Currently, the PRT System is running in Morgan Town, West Virginia and runs 18 hours a day. There will also be another PRT System installed in Cardiff, Wales in 2005.

## **IX. New Business**

### **1. Youth Sports Grant Fund Requests – Eric Ames and Red Devils Youth Baseball Team (Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager)**

On June 25, 2002, the Milpitas City Council approved and appropriated \$10,000.00 for the Youth Sports Assistance Fund for the 2002-2003 budget year. Included in the Commission packet for review and consideration is (1) Individual requests for Youth Sports Assistance request and one (1) organizational assistance request.

An individual Youth Sports Assistance Fund Application was received from Eric Ames, requesting \$500.00 to offset the cost of competing with the Milpitas

Devil Baseball Team on October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 2, 2003 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A Group request was received from Red Devils Youth Baseball Team requesting \$1,000.00 to purchase new safety equipment including helmets, catchers gear and uniforms.

Both applicants were in attendance at the meeting to represent the applications.

MOTION to recommend to City Council awarding Eric Ames his requested amount of \$500.00.

M/S: MacKenzie, Tuason

All Ayes

MOTION to recommend to City Council awarding Red Devils their requested amount of \$1,000.00.

M/S: Tuason, McGuire

All Ayes

Buddy Cardell, representative of Red Devils Youth Baseball Team, expressed his appreciation to City Staff for all their hard work on fields and coordinating usage of Youth Fields. He felt overall Milpitas had the best fields in comparison to surrounding cities.

## **2. Parks Discussion (Carol Randisi, Senior Supervisor)**

At the September 8, 2003, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission meeting, the Commission expressed concerns about Gill Park and the growth of trees at that park. Carol Randisi, Senior Supervisor, gave a detailed power point presentation reviewing Park Trees in The City of Milpitas. She also reviewed the process used by Public Works when planting new trees at Parks and determining if newly planted trees are growing well once planted at a Park (i.e. too much water, not enough water, soil conditions, mowers blight, vandalism, maintenance/pruning, etc.) She also explained that Public Works attempts to create a diversity of trees to enhance the beauty of the area. For example at Creighton Park, Birch trees were added as an entry feature. She also reviewed the different types of trees at a variety of Parks and facilities.

Chairperson Munzel questioned why a variety of trees out in the grass were moved closer to the sand box area at Starlite Park. Carol Randisi, Senior Supervisor, indicated they have been moved due to size of tree, water issues or due to open space requirements for activities.

Note receipt and file.

## **3. O'Toole Elms Discussion (Kim Duncan, Junior Planner)**

At the September 8, 2003, the Parks Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission, a sub-committee was formed to draft up a letter of request for the O'Toole Elms to be placed on the National register. This item has been agendaized to determine if the Commission wishes to pursue this project. If the Commission decides to move forward with this project which would result in having this item agendaized for a Public Hearing for the November 3, 2003, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission meeting for public input. Included in the Commission's packet was a draft copy of the letter of request.

Chairperson Munzel explained that if the Commission was interested in pursuing this endeavor, the item would be agendaized for a public hearing at the November 3, 2003, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission meeting and then forwarded to City Council for consideration. He explained that the O'Toole Elms are located near Fire Station #1 westward to Abel.

Commissioner McGuire reported that Bob Burrell has taken some great photos of the O'Toole Elms and photos of that area and the Commission may want to pursue viewing them.

MOTION to pursue adding the O'Toole Elms as a Cultural Resources Site with a public hearing to be scheduled at the November 3, 2003, regularly scheduled Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission.

M/S: Mohsin, Tuason

All Ayes

#### **4. Art in Park – Location at Hillcrest Park**

**Background:** On September 22, 2003, Milpitas Alliance for the Arts (MAA), City of Milpitas, and the Artists, Shannon-Moore-Jervis and Marcia Smith, entered into an agreement to commission, design and oversee a Mosaic Obelisk art structure. MAA had agreed to pay the Artists the commission for the work and services.

The Mosaic Obelisk will be constructed at Hillcrest Park, which is within the Hillcrest subdivision located on the northwest corner of Landess Avenue and Piedmont Road. It is approximately 10 feet tall with a 23-inch square base and placed on an approximately 17' diameter concrete pad. The side panels of the obelisk will consist of tiles that are impressed with hands of children and adults of the Hillcrest Park area. Each tile is intended to be expressions of their ideals representing what the Park means to each of them. A workshop to create these tiles is scheduled for October 11, 2003. The tiles will then be painted with bright colors, fired in a kiln and incorporated into the design of the finished piece, titled "Hand In Hand around the Park." Surrounding the mosaic will be four 23-inch cube seats for viewers and four round medallions approximately 15-inches in diameter. These medallions will consist of handprints and placed flush with the concrete pad. Staff distributed a map with proposed location.

Commissioner MacKenzie expressed concerns if residents were unable to attend the public input meeting to express concerns about location of artwork. Council member Polanski explained the artwork has a sign posted next to it with contact phone numbers, should any resident have issues or concerns on the location.

MOTION to approve the location of Art at Hillcrest Park as proposed.

M/S: McGuire, Krommenhock

All Ayes

## **XII. Staff Reports**

Parks Monthly Response Log – Note receipt and file.

### **XIII. Liaison Reports**

#### **1. City Council**

Council member Polanski reported on the following City Council items:

##### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update

Council member Polanski said she was very pleased with the Committee and they are working diligently on the variety of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Projects (January 26<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Draft of events, Historical Video to be played on Channel 15 with the ability to check out at the library, speaker bureaus, ability for individuals to go on the City's web-site and link to 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events). Also, if anyone has old photos of Milpitas or knows of any groups or organizations interested in participating, please contact the Committee. The next 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Committee Room at City Hall.

- At the October 7, 2003, City Council meeting, the Council will be discussing the undue odors Milpitas has been experiencing. If anyone has any issues or concerns, please come to the meeting to express them.

Commissioner MacKenzie reported he wouldn't be able to attend the City Council meeting, but would send a letter with concerns about odors particularly in the Sunnyhills and Milmont areas. He said it's rather difficult to promote events in the Sunnyhills area when the smell is so terrible.

- Town Hall meeting will be held on October 9, 2003, at the Community Center. The Community Advisory Commission has publicized the information in a variety of different languages and in the Vietnamese section of Mercury News in hopes of reaching as many people as possible.
- Commissioners should be receiving a survey in the mail requesting input on what type of function (ie. Sit-down dinner, BBQ, appetizer social, dessert social) and gift they would like for the next Commissioners Recognition Dinner which will be held in July, 2004, at the City Hall Plaza Area.
- Community Advisory Commission will be working on drafting a Sidewalk Ordinance to outline who is responsible for the over 200 miles of sidewalks in Milpitas. The draft would then be reviewed by Planning Commission prior to City Council review.

#### **2. Community Advisory Commission**

Commissioner Mohsin reported on the following Community Advisory Commission agenda items:

- Community Development Block Grant Priorities
- Town Hall Meeting
- Campaign Code of Ethics
- Heritage Tree Nomination application process

#### **3. Senior Advisory Commission**

None.

#### **4. Planning Commission**

Commissioner Tuason reported the Planning Commission was discussing a multi-level building with regards to the safety of the facility (i.e. windows, parking garage) and potential vibrations of the building.

#### **5. Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)**

Chairperson Munzel requested that staff mail him a Youth Advisory Commission agenda. He reported that the Youth Advisory Commission were discussing the follow agenda items:

- Brown Act Review Presentation (was tabled to next meeting)
- Special Events (Band Events and Milk & Cookies with Santa)
- PRT Presentation from Rob Means

He also reported that Samu Tiumalu, was the new Teen Center Program Coordinator and liaison to the Youth Advisory Commission.

#### **6. Milpitas Historical Society - None**

#### **7. Arts Commission**

Commissioner Krommenhock reported on the following Arts Commission agenda items:

- Arts Day
- Updating the Arts Implementation Plan and removing items that have already been accomplished.
- Reviewing Phantom Art Gallery Guidelines. She also explained that the Phantom Art Gallery has been very successful and so far is booked out a year in advance.

#### **XIV. Future Agenda Items**

**November – O’Toole Elms Public Hearing;**  
**December – Child Care Grant Program Update**

#### **XX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 3, 2003.